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TO: County Weed & Pest Supervisors, Weed & Pest Control Commission/Attendees
FROM: Brenda Sievers, Plant Industry Program Manager *BS*
DATE: September 29, 2023
SUBJECT: Call for Weed & Pest Grant Applications for FY2025

At their September 13, 2023 meeting, the SD Weed & Pest Control Commission approved a call for grant applications for FY2025 funds. The Commission approved the following:

\$300,000 divided amongst the counties that meet the criteria (See grant criteria for more info.)
\$200,000 to fund competitive grants

The Commission will be awarding contractual grants to each county that meets the criteria, with the amount depending upon which criteria they meet. The enclosed grant form is FY2025 Call for Grants & Contractual Agreements.

Also, the Commission has made available \$200,000 in competitive grants of which any dollar amount can be awarded to one or more counties for special weed projects within the county. The competitive grant criteria and application form is marked FY2025 Competitive Weed & Pest Grant. These grant requests will be evaluated by a committee appointed by the SD Weed & Pest Control Commission Chairman and the committee recommendations for funding will be presented to the full Commission at their meeting in February for final approval.

All grant applications must be mailed and postmarked to the Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Plant Industry Program, **no later than November 15, 2023**. If grants are emailed or faxed in, the original copy **must** follow and be **postmarked no later than November 15, 2023**. ***Please get your grant applications in early and do not wait until the last day.*** The Commission will act on all grant applications on February 21, 2024, at their meeting held just prior to the Annual Weed & Pest Conference in Spearfish, SD.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 605.280.4463, your district Commission member or the Department office at 605.773.3623. You may also ask Department staff at the upcoming District Weed & Pest Meetings. I have enclosed the dates and locations of the 2023 District Weed & Pest Meetings. As a reminder, there are meeting requirements to qualify for the grants, as well as the requirement to get your inspection, fiscal and annual reports to the Department.

Please read the requirements carefully!!!

Inspection Summaries are due November 1st, 2023.

Annual and Fiscal Reports are due January 31st, 2024.